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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON'S TRIP

1. WELCOME PROPOSED ROBINSON VISIT FEB. 28 - MAR. 2.

REGRET THAT RESIDENCE WHICH IN PROCESS BEING REWIRED WILL BE UNFIT FOR HABITATION. WE ARE THEREFORE PROCEEDING MAKE RESERVATIONS AT AURASSI. DOES UNDER SECRETARY WANT SUITE OR DOUBLE? CHEAPEST SUITE IS \$85 PER DAY. DOUBLES ARE \$65. ASSUME SECURITY OFFICERS PREPARED SHARE DOUBLE.

2. INFORMED FOREIGN MINISTRY (ABERKANE) OF PROPOSED SCHEDULE 9 FEB. ABERKANE SAID HE WOULD GET IN TOUCH WITH PRESIDENCY AND INISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND ENERGY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO DETERMINE WHETHER PRESIDENT AND ABDESSELAM WOULD BE AVAILABLE AT THAT TIME. NEITHER ABERKANE NOR WE AWARE OF ANY CONFLICT, HOWEVER, AND ASSUME VISIT CAN PROCEED AS PLANNED.

3. ABERKANE ASKED WHETHER ROBINSON WOULD BE BRINGING MESSAGE WITH REGARD TO MATTERS OTHER THAN ECOMIC POLICY ISSUES. I REPLIED THAT SINCE HIS DOMAIN WAS ECONOMIC I WOULD EXPECT HIM TO BE CONCENTRATING ON THAT SUBJECT. ABERKANE SAID HE FELT IT IMPORTANT THAT ROBINSON BRING SOME REASSURANCES REGARDING OUR POLICY IN SAHARA, AN ISSUE THAT WAS NOW BE-CLOUDING OUR RELATIONS. I NODDED SYMPATHETICALLY.

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4. COMMENT: WITH REGARD TO SAHARA, SUGGEST ROBINSON BE

FULLY BRIEFED AND BE PREPARED LISTEN SYMPATHETICALLY BUT
THAT HE AVOID SUBSTANCE OF ISSUE UNLESS WE HAVE SOMETHING
NEW TO SAY WHICH WILL MAKE ALGERIANS HAPPY.PARKER

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